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## **Route 7 Reduced to Two Lanes to Test Streetscape Traffic Control Plan**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The 400-block of West Broad Street (Route 7) will be reduced from four lanes to two (one in each direction) for three to five hours either Thursday, Aug. 16 or Friday, Aug. 17. The temporary closure will test the City's traffic control plan designed to minimize the impact on commuters during the streetscape and road reconstruction project planned for this fall. The specific date of the test is not being released in order to more accurately measure traffic flow. Electronic message boards are currently in place to alert motorists of the partial closure.

The streetscape project involves undergrounding of overhead utilities; reconstruction and widening of the sidewalk with brick pavers; installation of a landscaped strip between the sidewalk and the roadway; reconstruction of curb, gutter, and driveway entrances; installation of street furniture and decorative street lighting, and road reconstruction to upgrade the roadbed to Virginia Department of Transportation standards.

This is a public-private partnership with Waterford Development, which is responsible for the utility undergrounding portion of the project. The City will manage the road reconstruction and streetscape portions of the project.

More information about the project, the schedule, and detours will be released as soon as it becomes available.

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